

Philadelphia. June 29/79
To the Directors of Library Co. of
Philadelphia

Gentlemen.

Understanding that you wish estimates
for binding, probably the best that we can give
is to refer you to our bill for prices of the various
sizes of books, which we will however repeat here

Folio. such as Saturday Review, Athenaeum etc 2.25

Quartos " " Nature etc 1.50

Octavos " " Blackwood, Littell etc 90

Duodecimos. 65

Immediately after the war, when gold fell, we
at once put down our price, supposing that
materials and labour would come down immedia-
-tely, but in this we were disappointed. for it is
only recently that the cost of materials have
been reduced to what we expected.

Having made Library bindings a specialty for
over thirty years, we early came to the conclusion
that the best way to retain custom was to do
the work well, and not strive to turn out low-
priced work. That in binding for a public library

the main consideration should be, not the first cost of the binding, but its cheapness when compared with its durability.

Bearing down the binding for the Philadelphia Library for a quarter of a Century, we refer to the Librarian, and his assistants, as well as to those who have been in the habit of using the books bound by us, as to the three principal points in binding for a public library. We respectfully submit

1st, How many books bound by us in that period of time, have been rebound, except it was for the soiled and greasy condition of the exterior

2nd How many books have been returned with sheets improperly placed, or loose.

3rd How many Engravings, Maps or Charts have been cut into, or injured in the process of binding.

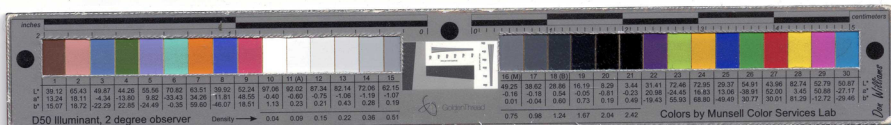
We would respectfully call attention to the fact, that during the time that the Company had numbers of their books bound in England in full calf, that we rescued, and secured in the cover, a very large proportion of those

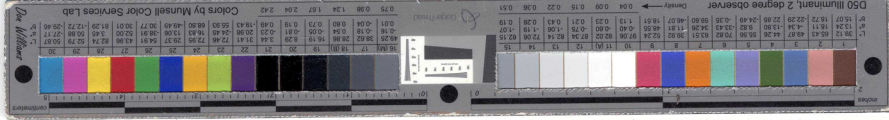
full bound calf books

Believing that the Library Co. of Philadelphia
gets a larger amount of service out of its books
than any public Library in the country, we
respectfully solicit the continuance of its patron-
-age

Very Respectfully
Pearson & Nicholson
Bookbinders

Phila. June 30th 1879.





June 29/79
From

Lawson & Richardson

12482.F.38

New York June 2^d 1879

Henry Wharton Esq
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the conversation which I had the pleasure of having with you a few days ago, I beg to say that I shall be very glad to act as the Agent of the Philadelphia Library Co. for foreign books.

I beg to propose as a satisfactory arrangement, the same, that has been in force with the Public Library in Boston, viz: to receive a certain amount of books, according to the Instructions given, as soon as published, once or twice every month, and

a good Morocco binding.

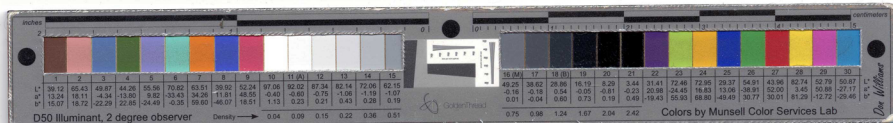
These can be controlled and supplemented by the Monthly Bulletin, it being understood, that all books, which the Library Committee may specify as desirable, will be ordered independently from the new publications, but will not be duplicated, if they happen to be already selected.

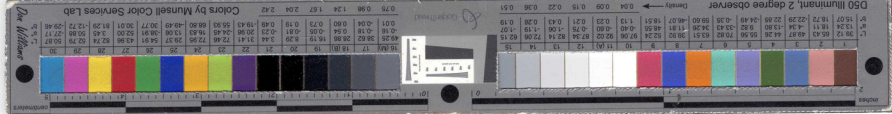
All books are to be imported free of duties according to the list, which I had the pleasure of giving you.

If any further information should be desired, I shall be glad to give it, and if you entrust me with the Agency, you will please to let me have a power of attorney

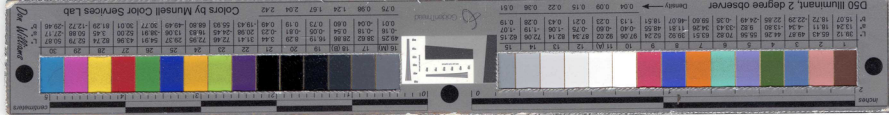
for the importation of
your books through the N. Y.
Custom House.

Yours very Respectfully
F. W. Christen.





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FOREIGN BOOKS

imported to order free of duty.

The undersigned Importers of Foreign Books beg to announce that they are prepared—until further notice—to execute orders for the importation of Books and Periodicals for *Universities, Colleges, Public Libraries, Incorporated Literary Institutions*

FREE OF DUTY,

at the following rates, viz:

	from Germany,	from England,	from France,
	⌘ 1 Thaler (3 Marks)	⌘ 1 Shilling Sterl.	⌘ 1 Franc
New Books	77 Cents Gold,	27 Cents Gold,	25 Cents Gold.
Second-hand Books .89	“	29 “	28 “
Periodicals84	“	29 “	30 “

These **very low rates**, in addition to the **facilities** which we enjoy through our Extended European *connections of many years' standing*, secure to our patrons **advantages** which are **unequaled in every respect**.

We take pleasure at the same time in calling particular attention to the

EXTENSIVE AND CAREFULLY SELECTED

Stock of German and French Publications,

which we, respectively, keep *on hand*, and are incessantly enlarging by the addition of new books as soon as issued.

Either of us will be pleased to entertain proposals in regard to the sending of new publications for inspection.

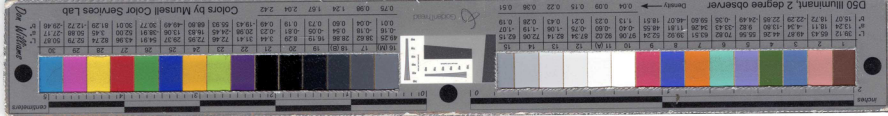
F. W. Christern, 77 University Place,

L. W. Schmidt, 24 Barclay Street,

E. Steiger, 22 & 24 Frankfort Street,

B. Westermann & Co., 524 Broadway.

NEW YORK, *June*, 1874.



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Second-hand Books	80	20	25
Periodicals	84	20	20

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New York, June 1874.

J. H. WHEELER,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND CONVEYANCER,

No. 113 South Fifth Street,

Philadelphia, June 4 1879.

Lloyd J. Smith Esq
Treasurer
Dear Sir

I think that the
Schweitzer Mortgage can
be disposed of at a dis-
count and cost not greater
than \$500, provided that
the back taxes are paid.

I have sent for Mr. S. to get
his consent to this, but am
afraid that he may not
be able to raise the money;
in which case, it may be
perhaps advisable for the
Company to help him.

Very truly
J. H. Wheeler

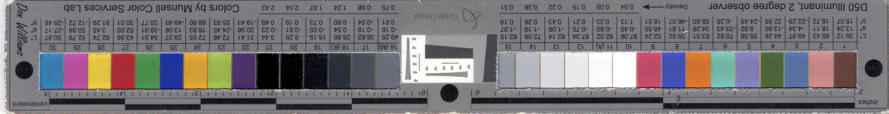
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1917 Chestnut Street.

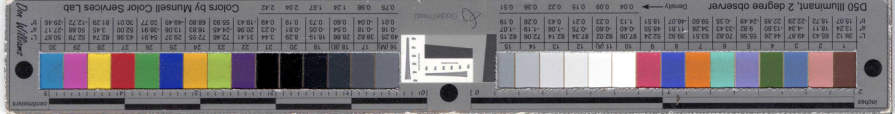
Philadelphia, June 4 1879.
P. M.

My dear Sir

I have seen Mr
Schweitzer and arranged
with him about the sale
of the Mortgage. He thinks
that he can raise the
whole amount required
including taxes and the
interest due you. But
as I am afraid that he
may be too sanguine
you had better get au-
thority from the Company
to advance him the a-
mount he may be short
of - say from \$600. to \$700.
We cannot get any
closer than this, or do any
better. Yrs truly J. H. Wheeler



Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorized to take
the mortgage of ————— Schweitzer, ^{recorded &} for \$10,000, at
such price as may ^{be} judged best by them; and that the Secretary
be authorized to affix the Corporate Seal to the assignment
thereof; provided that the said ————— Schweitzer give his
~~bond~~ note for any difference between the sum to be paid
and the par value of the mortgage.



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Library Co. of Philad.^a
Fifth Street, below Chestnut,
Philadelphia June 5 1878

Dear Sir,
I rec^d the enclosed this
morning.

Yours res^{ly}
Loyd W. Lunt
Sec^y

Wm. S. Audubon Esq

Resolved That the Finance Committee
be authorized to sell the mortgage of
Louis Schweitzer for \$13,000 - at
such price as may be judged best by
them - provided that the said

Schweitzer give his note for any
difference between the sum to be
paid & the par value of the
mortgage

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Library Co. of Philad.^a
Fifth Street, below Chestnut,
Philadelphia June 18th 1879

Messrs J. W. Chester & Co.
New York -
Gentlemen:

I am requested by the
gth Library Company,
Board of Directors, to say that they
are willing to enter into the arrange-
ment proposed in your letter of
June 2, as previously discussed with
~~one~~ ^{a member} of the Board.

The Directors understand your
proposition to be

1. The Library company to provide
you with a definite sum per month
to be paid as agreed on, for which

you will furnish French or German
books at the rates ^{fixed} ~~paid~~ by the
schedule furnished by you, viz:

for New books { 25 ct. the franc
 { 77 ct. the Thaler

for 2nd hand books { 28 ct. the franc
 { 89 ct. the Thaler

The books to be selected by
your agents abroad as they are
published, out of the following: ^{class} Science;
History, Biography, and Fiction; ^{with} ~~and~~
miscellaneous books of general interest,
~~all to be~~ ^{such as will be}
~~to be~~ suited for a public library, ^{used}
by young persons of both sexes: but
no book to be selected merely because
it is morally unobjectionable. These



Library Co. of Philad.^a
Fifth Street, below Chestnut,
Philadelphia

1879

~~Shines~~ to be in the proportion ^{about} of $\frac{2}{3}$ French
to $\frac{1}{3}$ German.

2. Special books may be ordered
from the ~~books~~ ^{bulletins} at the rates above
named, but if the same books are actually in
transit, the order to be cancelled.

3. Books ordered, if in stock, can
occasionally, but not as a rule, be
sent at the above rates.

4. Powers of attorney to enter the
books at the Custom House, to be
furnished you. If you will send
^{them} to us they shall be executed forthwith.

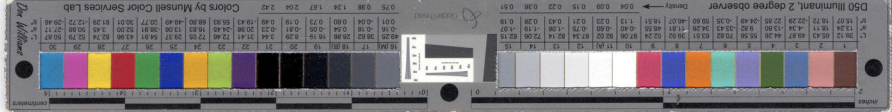
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The corporate title is

"The Library Company of Philadelphia"

Yours faithfully

P.S. Will you please send me
at once a list of a few books of
recent interest in stock which you
can furnish at above rates.



New York June 20. 1879

Wm Henry Rawle Esq
Secy. Library Co. of Philad.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of yesterday
is thankfully received, and
I shall promptly follow your
instructions as soon as you
will be kind enough to fix
the approximate amount, that
is intended for new Publica-
tions. - I suppose that you
prefer these books, at once
bound (Morocco) on the other
side, and if you wish them to
be stamped with the name
of your library, it can be easily
done.

Meanwhile I take pleasure

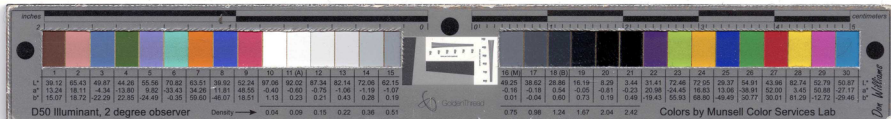
in sending you a list of
late publications, which
may be of interest to you. The
prices are given for copies in
paper cover, and I shall be
glad to furnish you these books
at the Library price, and to
replace them free of duties for
my stock. - It is very likely
that several of the books are
already in your possession, if
you have lately received an
invoice. -

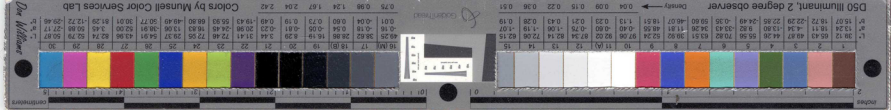
In the German list I have
given a few names of authors,
who belong at present to the
most popular. If you will
mention the titles of the books
which are already in the
Library, it will be easy to
complete the sets, if it should

be desirable to do so.

When I shall go next week
to the Custom-House, I
shall ask for a proper blank
for the power of Attorney
and shall have the pleasure
of forwarding it for your
signature.

Yours Very Respectfully
F. W. Christern.





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Phila June 24' 1879

Sir,

I have yours of the 20th inst and will
lay it before the board ^{at its} next meeting

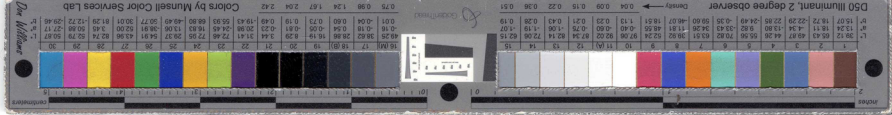
Very Respectfully

Wm Henry Rawls
R. S. James

M. F. M. Christern, Esq.

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To.
June 24/79
J. W. Brewster Esq.



The Joint Com^{ee} of Finance and Railway
Branch to whom was referred the subject
of Salaries respectfully report that the
Salaries as now arranged are those
set forth in the accompanying exhibit
marked A and amount to \$7484.

The increase over former rates are
as follows:

Mr. L. N. Smith from \$2400 to \$3400

Mr. Abbott " 1500 to 1800

Benj. Owen " 300 to 600

Clifford Lewis (new) 1000.

making a total increase of \$1800.

In view of the state of affairs of
the Railway Branch over its income
during the past year and the necessity
of a rigid economy to avoid im-
barassment in the future the Com^{ee}

feel constrained to recommend a
considerable reduction upon the salaries
now allowed. It is felt however
~~does~~ we propose to revert to the rate
established prior to the acquisition of the
Ridgway Branch.

We suggest for the adop-
tion of the Board the following Schedule
hereto annexed marked B.

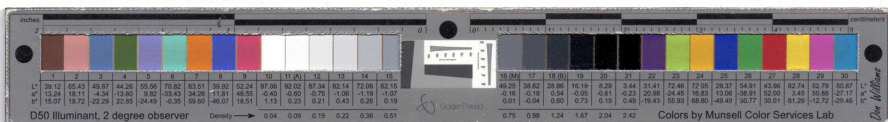
The changes
from present rates, stated briefly, are:
Mr Smith's Salary \$3400 to \$2800
Dunn's " 800 to 600
Lewis's " 1000 to 700

It will be observed that we also propose
to charge \$200 of Mr Abbott's Salary to
the Log Cabin Library.

The net result will be a twice
to the ~~the~~ Ridgway Branch of \$1100
an decrease to the Library Fund of \$200
& an increase to the Log Cabin " of \$200.

In other words the total annual
reduction of Salaries will be \$1100.

For. Public Ch. Finance Com
Weir Mitchell —
John S. Newbold
P. M. Fall.
Edw. & Brubaker



In thank notes
Accepted - The reduction to date effected
from July 1, 1879, the amount of the price
year but not up to the 1st of the office to deliver
an addl to the claims for interest to their
annual
some returns received.

Learn

Price meeting,
Report of James L. Lammiller,
of Finance, Addressed, Shown
on to Delano's.

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Mem^m of salaries now (^{June} ~~March~~, 1879) paid by the Philadelphia.

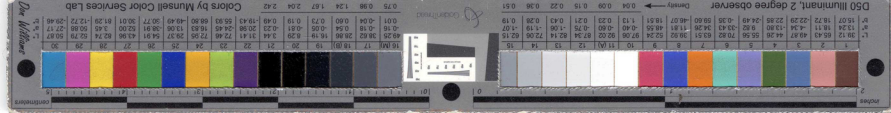
Loganian Ridgway Librarian			
Philadelphia Librarian			
Lloyd P Smith, Librarian	1800		
Treasurer	200	2000	
Benjamin Burr, assistant Librarian		800	
Lamorne Co. messenger & \$3 a week		156	
Morton Shaw &		156	3112

Loganian Librarian			
Lloyd P Smith Librarian	300		
Treasurer	100		400

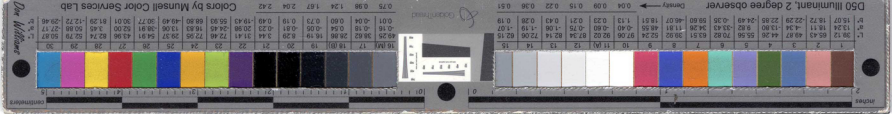
Ridgway Branch			
Lloyd P Smith Librarian	1000		
Thomas Abbott assistant &	1800	2800	
Lamorne \$3 a week		156	
Clifford Lewis for collection		1000	3956

~~Mr Ramseyer, cataloguer, divided between the three Librarians \$20 a week~~ 12000

Secretary's salary, also divided (proport) between the three, but charged to Philadelphia Librarian
Total salaries 16
\$ 8494
\$ 7484



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Library Co. of Philad.^a
 Fifth Street, below Chestnut,
 Philadelphia June 2^d 1879
Librarian's Report

The number of volumes moved to the
 Ridgway Branch is 62,196
 Private Library of B. Rush 4,619
 66,815

Remaining 5th 42,439
 Duplicates of fiction 7,931 50,370

Total vols in Library 117,185

The no. of visitors at the Ridgway
 Branch in May was 882
 Readers " " 172
 Total 974

The no. of books used in the building
 in Read R. was 612 and the no.
 taken out was 80
 at the Phila. Library the total attendance
 during May was 8443 or an average of 338
 a day.
 (over)

The obstinate leak in the roof of the
Ridgway Norand building has been remedied

On the 28th inst. an International
Conference of Librarians will be held at Boston.
As I attended the last one I told Mr. Abbott
that, if the Board approved he might go in
my place, He does not care to do so and I
therefore recommend that Benjamin B. Owen have
leave of absence to attend the Conference on
behalf of the Library. I particularly wish him
to study the most approved methods of classifying
books so that a record can be kept not only
of what each member has but of where every
book is. Mr. Owen's indefatigable labor during the
past year & his zeal & efficiency entitle him
I think, to some relaxation.

In Motion of the Members, it is decided to not
deem it expedient to order to
recommend an L. M. Owen for
seat to Bank or holder of the
Lib.

Barner manuscript

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Library Co. of Philad.^a
Fifth Street, below Chestnut,
Philadelphia June 7 1879

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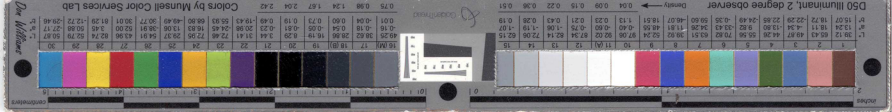
Enclosed please find
mem. of the Orders drawn on
Thursday.

They were contingent on the action
of a Committee which met at 12 1/2
on that day & I had not time
afterward to enter them in the
Memorandum Book

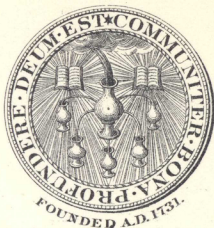
Yours truly

Geo. D. Smith

W. K. Rawley



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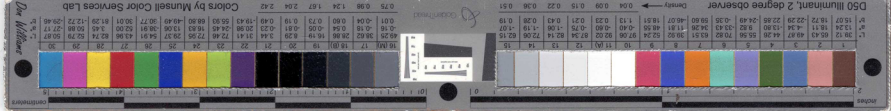


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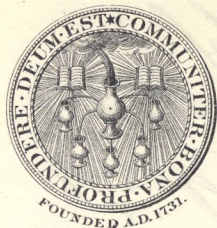
Orders:

Ridgway Branch		
No 10	Lydt. Smith 1 month	\$3.33
	G. M. Abbott 1 -	150. -
	E. McPartt 1 -	50. -
	S. Paret 1 -	38.75
	E. T. Shaw moving	3.75
	D. Landreth Laver snowed	12. -
		<u>337.83</u>

Loganian
287 in favor of Library Co. for \$300. -
as per Report of Joint Committee
288 in favor of Ridgway Branch for
300. - as per Report of Committee
289 in favor of Rawson Nicholson for
\$5.300 - in full settlement as
per Report of Committee



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Library Co. of Philad.^a
Fifth Street, below Chestnut,
Philadelphia June 11th 1879

Treasurer's Report

I respectfully report that the
Balance of the Library Co is \$ 4,205.67

Loganian 1,173.56

Building Fund 5488.87

Ridgway Branch 248.73

in London £ 112.10.4

" Paris francs 997.20

The usual monthly order for the
Expenses of the Ridgway Branch is:

Salary Loganian & Treasurer 83.33

" Assistant in Charge 50. —

Wages of Janitor 38.75

" Watchman

D. Landuth & Son Lumber Mower 12. —

Roberts & Shaw Moving 3.75

(over)

337.83

The following Names are forfeited
in accordance with the Charter & Laws
for non payment of the dues of 1878

- 1 Margaret A. Gray's Est
- 2 Anna D. Measily's Est
- 3 Emily D. Carver
- 4 Robert S. Paschall
- 5 Thos A. Reddy's Est
- 6 Anna R. Scott
- 7 Ellwood Wilson Jr